



17555 PEAK AVENUE MORGAN HILL CALIFORNIA 95037

**SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
After Action  
REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 4, 2003

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**Morgan Hill Civic Center**  
Council Chambers  
17555 Peak Avenue

**Senior Advisory Committee**

Chair	Marilyn Gadway
Vice-Chair	William Keig
Committee Member	Kenneth Mort
Committee Member	John Bautista
Committee Member	Sharon Leonard
Committee Member	Gloria Subocz
Committee Member	Charles Swann

Parks & Recreation Commissioner Craig Van Keulen

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**1:30 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice-Chair Keig called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.  
Vice-Chair Keig chaired the meeting as Chair Gadway was unable to attend

**ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE**

Absent: Chair Gadway and Committee Member Bautista

**DECLARATION OF POSTING THE AGENDA**

Per Government Code 54954.2

**PLEDGE**

Pledge was led by Committee Member Swann

## **OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **VERBAL REPORTS**

#### **YMCA SENIOR PROGRAM MONTHLY UPDATE**

Carol Wood, Director  
YMCA Senior Center

Carol Wood reported Claudine Gent has started as the new Senior Program Coordinator. She was hired for the YMCA through the National Council on Aging. Ms. Wood stated Ms. Gent is off to a great start. The Senior Center has purchased new equipment for the Resource Room. This includes a new printer and a stereo. The Resource Room is a great addition to the Senior Center.

The Valentine's Day party was a huge success. A DJ played music and Ms. Wood provided cookies that were decorated by the party-goers. Ms. Wood announced the Center plans to hold St. Patrick's Day party and Easter party. Tax time is here and the AARP has begun providing tax assistance to seniors. Tax assistance will be available until April 15, 2003. The SALA program, which provides legal assistance to seniors will be coordinated through Marie Skinner of the Community Action Group (CAG). Ms. Skinner will be on site at the Senior Center once a week to make appointments for interested seniors.

#### **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

Staff Balagso

Staff Balagso announced the Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) did not meet during February. The PRC will meet tonight – March 4, 2003. The PRC will hear the Recommendation approved by the Senior Advisory Committee regarding the priority of the construction of public facilities at tonight's meeting.

Carol Wood provided an update on Ken Tougas' condition. Mr. Tougas was home from the hospital and was resting comfortably. He and his family appreciate all the prayers and good wishes and the support the community has shown. A candlelight support vigil was held on Thursday February 27 for Mr. Tougas at Morgan Hill Baptist Church.

#### **COA ADVISORY COMMISSION**

Representative Tougas

None

#### **CAG MEETING REVIEW**

Committee Member Bautista

Ms. Wood and Staff Balagso reported that a representative from Whittier Medical Supply attended last month's meeting. She provided information on how seniors with Medi-Care could receive medical supplies such as wheelchairs, walkers, and personal supplies through her company. Whittier Medical Supply is licensed to bill Medi-Care directly and can therefore provide these supplies at little or no cost to qualified seniors. The company is based in Whittier California, but has an office in Gilroy, which serves Southern Santa Clara County, San Benito County and the East Bay.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

### **1. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 4, 2002**

Minutes approved (5:0) Vice Chair Mort moved to approve the minutes. Committee Member Subocz seconded the motion.

## **BUSINESS**

### **2. VALLEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR SENIORS**

**Recommended Action: Information Item.** Accessible Services Representative, Celeste Oda, will present information on transit services available for seniors and persons with qualifying disabilities.

Staff Balagso announced Celeste Oda of the VTA was not able to attend today's meeting. She will attend the next Senior Advisory Committee meeting on Tuesday, April 1, 2003.

#### **1. ORAL HISTORY PROJECT**

**Recommended Action: Information Item.** Senior Advisory Committee Vice-Chair, William Keig, will provide an update on an Oral History Project.

Vice-Chair Keig provided an update on the Oral History Project. Mr. Keig has spoken to many people throughout the community and has received support for this project. The Flower Lovers Club and the YMCA have made a commitment to participate in this project. He is still waiting for a response from the History Department at Live Oak High School, the Library Commission and the Morgan Hill Public Library. He stated he would like a staff person from the Morgan Hill Public Library and the City of Morgan Hill to be assigned to help work on this project. He would like a volunteer from the Library Commission to participate as well. Staff Balagso stated she would check with the City's administration and the Community Librarian regarding staff members and to work on the project. She will also ask the Library Commission for a volunteer. A member of the public, Nancy Harris who attended the meeting, suggested Vice-Chair Keig contact Virginia Lomanto, a long time Morgan Hill resident and Anne Friebe, a former History Teacher. Ms. Harris will provide contact information to Mr. Keig.

#### **4. CALIFORNIA SENIOR LEGISLATURE – SANTA CLARA COUNTY NEWS**

**Recommended Action: Information Only.** Hand out monthly legislative update from California Senior Legislature.

Staff Balagso provided a copy of the California Senior Legislature newsletter in the agenda packets of the Senior Advisory Committee members.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Nancy Harris announced there will be a St. Patrick's Day celebration at the Community and Cultural Center on Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. Irish songs and ballads will be performed by Sean Collins and there will be performances by Irish dancers as well. The event will begin at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 17. There will be activities for children. Committee Member Subocz asked if the event had been advertised in the Morgan Hill Times. Ms. Harris responded there will be an announcement and a short article about the event in the Times.

## **REQUESTS FOR FUTURE ITEMS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT** to the next monthly meeting schedule on **April 1, 2003** in City Council Chambers.

Committee Member Mort moved to adjourned the meeting. Committee Member Swann seconded the motion. Motion approved (5:0)